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1. SINCE TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL, EMBASSY HAS, OF COURSE, RECEIVED PRESIDENTIAL NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SWEDES, WHICH WE TRUST IS RESPONSIVE TO MANY OF THE POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL. IN ADDITION, DURING FORTHCOMING MEETING OF MAJOR NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS IN LONDON, WE WILL BE CONDUCTING BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH SWEDES ON WIDE-RANGING NUCLEAR EXPORT AND NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES. (A U.S.-SWEDISH WORKING LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 10.) UPON COMPLETION OF LONDON MEETINGS, WE WILL REASSESS DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER EXCHANGES WITH SWEDES ON
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NUCLEAR POLICY ISSUES. ALSO, AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, WE

ARE EXPLORING WITH ERDA AND NRC QUESTION OF PROVIDING EMBASSY MORE FULL AND TIMELY INFORMATION ON DOMESTIC NUCLEAR QUESTIONS. AS A GENERAL MATTER, WE HAVE SOME RELUCTANCE TO SEE THE USG ASSERT ITSELF ACTIVELY IN SWEDEN'S DOMESTIC NUCLEAR DEBATE GIVEN THE SENSITIVITY OF THAT ISSUE. HOWEVER, IN PRINCIPLE, WE FAVOR STRONGER TIES AND COOPERATION AND ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN WIDE-RANGING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE APPROPRIATE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES AT

THE TECHNICAL AND POLICY LEVELS -- PARTICULARLY IF THE GOS JUDGES IT TO BE DESIRABLE TO PURSUE SUCH CONTACTS.

2. ACDA IS TRANSMITTING ADDITIONAL COPIES OF ITS RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON NON-PROLIFERATION QUESTIONS WHICH EMBASSY MAY WISH TO PRESENT TO GOS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONTACTS.

3. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS IN LONDON, AND OF ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS WHICH THESE DISCUSSIONS SUGGEST. KISSINGER

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